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—Lancelot Whyte

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Evening Alliance Christmas Party

The Unitarian Evening Alliance held their Christmas party in the church vestry, Thursday, Dec. 9. The devotional service, led by the president, Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed was followed by carol singing. Mrs. Unto Hantunen spoke on Christmas customs in Finland, and Mrs. Monroe Smith told about a Christmas they spent in Torwagan, a little Swiss village in the Bavarian Alps. Mrs. Smith illustrated her talk with several delightful crayon sketches of children, Santa Nicholas, and the village church. Gifts were exchanged by members, and each contributed a gift to the needy to be distributed by the district nurse.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Herman Miner and Mrs. Robert McCollum.

A Special Service In Sage Chapel

A special Christmas service for the faculty and staff of the Northfield School for Girls and for townspeople will be held at 10:30 Christmas morning in Russell Sage Chapel.

Dr. Mira B. Wilson, the principal, and Chaplain Benjamin R. Andrews will conduct the service.



HOLTON
At Franklin County Public Hospital, December 11, a daughter, Cheryl Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holton of Northfield; granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Holton of South Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Tyler of Northfield; great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Tyler of Northfield.

HUBER
At Franklin County Public Hospital, December 13, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Huber of East Northfield; granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Huber of East Northfield and of Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Huber of the same town; great granddaughter of Mrs. Mabel Streeter of Wilmington, Vt., and Max Huber, Northfield.

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In Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, December 12, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stacy of South Vernon; granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stacy of South Vernon and Mrs. Mary Chesnut of Louisville, Ky.



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More Groups Join In Aid to Camiers

Three more groups are actively participating in the "adoption" of Camiers, France.

The Friendly Class of the Congregational Church is meeting at the Kenhome on Monday evening, December 20th, at 7:45, with each member bringing an item of food-stuff to send abroad.

The Community Club No. 4 of Northfield Farms collected clothing to be sent to the town.

A group of girls attending the Northfield School for Girls have undertaken to send a package to a family in Camiers. The group is headed by Miss Emily Kirk, student officer, and Miss Genevieve Otto, cabinet representative.

A Poor Deer Season No Local Fatalities

The almost total lack of snow in this area caused what is considered one of the poorest deer seasons in a long while.

The hunting season closed without any further human casualties since a Cambridge man was wounded on the opening day of the hunting season.

Additional kills were reported by Kenneth Sevens, Murray Hammond and Henry Wozniak of the hunting town.

A correction, from last week's PRESS: Paul Carpenter did NOT get a deer.

Phelps Now Exhibits At Springfield Show

John Edward Phelps, artist, of Gill, is exhibiting paintings at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts. This regional exhibit includes artists from Hampden, Berkshire and Franklin counties.

The exhibition opened on December 12 and will continue until January 9, 1949.

Mr. Phelps is exhibiting two paintings, one an oil called "Pentecost," the other, a gouache modern entitled "Rehabilitation."

My New Year Prayer

Christmas Joys
and
New Year Blessings
to you all

MISS CAROLINE B. LANE
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Engagement of Dr. Park Announced at Andover

An announcement appeared recently in the Andover, (Mass.) "Townman" of the engagement of Miss Georgia MacDonald to Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools.

Miss MacDonald has been secretary to the headmaster at Phillips Academy for the past five years.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Dr. Newton To Leave For Three Year Course

Dr. Aaron W. Newton of Greenfield will leave his practice early in January to take a three year course in pathology at Tufts Medical School, and upon returning will be pathologist at both Farren Memorial and Franklin County Public Hospitals.

Dr. Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chauncey Newton, was born in Northfield and was graduated from Northfield High School.

His practice will be taken over by Dr. Francis P. Cary, who will transfer to Dr. Newton's office in the Burnham building.

Win Honors At The Mount Hermon School

Everett P. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perley E. Davis, Ralph E. Barrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barrows, David B. Wells, son of Mrs. Lillian G. Wells of Northfield; John D. Bassette, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bassette of Mount Hermon, won scholarship honors for the second marking period of the year at Mount Hermon School.

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Dr. Low Speaks On Vital Problems

The Northfield P-T A met at Alexander Hall on Monday, Dec. 13, to hear Dr. M. B. Low speak on sex problems and the child, as faced in the schools and in the home.

The one hundred parents and teachers present joined in the group singing, with a double quartet composed of Mrs. George Leonard, Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. Gerald Quigley, Charles White, Robert Barnes, George Leonard and James Gillespie singing several Christmas carols. Mrs. Robert Barnes accompanied on the piano.

Various committees reported at the regular business meeting, presided over by James Gillespie, with Robert Barnes reporting that the basketball committee had completed its work, and that the facilities installed at the town hall were now in use.

The report of the by-laws committee, headed by Charles White, was not completed. It was voted to postpone the remainder of the report until the next meeting.

Dr. Low and Supt. F. Sumner Turner were guests at the covered dish supper preceding the business meeting and program. The supper committee was composed of: Mrs. Leslie Martin, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Alvin Porter and Mrs. David Hammond. Charles Scanlon prepared the coffee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 17,
Community Club No. 4 Dance.
December 19,
Congregational Church Christmas vesper service, 5 p. m.
December 20,
Friendly Class meeting at Kenhome, 7:45 p. m.
Unitarian Church family supper, 6:30 p. m.
December 21,
NO BROTHERHOOD MEETING THIS MONTH.
Christmas exercises of the Advent Christian Church School.
December 22,
Community Christmas Tree. Union Hall.
VFW meeting Grange Hall 8 p. m.
December 23,
Congregational Church school Christmas party. Supper at 6 p. m.
December 27,
Pilgrim Fellowship Holiday dance. Town Hall, 8 to 12 p. m.
December 28,
Legion Meeting, 8 p. m.
January 3,
Roller Skating party at South Deerfield Rink

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The 'Moody Fireplace' Inspires A Library

This is the story of a unique fireplace.

It is only part of the story, for the rest of it will be written in the months to come.

At the Young People's Camp, operated by the Salvation Army, in East Northfield, there is a fireplace made of stone and it bears such historic and authentic signatures as: Dwight Lyman Moody, Charles M. Alexander, Wilfred Grenfell, Emma C. Moody, R. A. Torrey, C. I. Schofield, Arthur T. Pierson, and many others.

The "Moody" fireplace is in a rustic type cottage, and the Salvation Army plans to refinish the inside and furnish it as a memorial library.

The library will contain only books written about or by the individuals represented by their signatures on the fireplace.

The Salvation Army is making an appeal to all those interested to search their libraries for books dealing with the names of the personalities listed in this article.

Erwin Doderhoff representing the Salvation Army in this area, will answer all inquiries concerning this project: in writing, to Box 68, Northfield; by telephone, Northfield 479.

Other names appearing on the fireplace are: John R. Mott, W. H. Griffith Thomas, F. B. Meyer, W. J. Erdman, H. I. Erdman, R. E. Speer, F. H. Jewett, Charles M. Gordon, Ralph Connor, H. W. Webb Peplow, Dave Henderson, Harry B. Powers, Francis Palmer, George H. Macgregor, H. G. Underwood, W. H. Hutchins, J. F. Carson, H. N. Dougherty, Fannie B. Pierson, Mary W. Moody, S. W. Zwemer, Mary Shepard Dougherty, Wilbert W. White, John Willis Baer, F. D. Gamewell, J. Gardner, W. H. Marston, J. C. Marston, Fred G. Curtis, Helen F. Curtis, W. M. Upcroft, John A. Hutton and Benjamin Laboree.

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SHELDON NOT RUNNING, BUFFUM DECLINES, BARNES IS CANDIDATE

The Republican Town Committee has confirmed the fact that Robert P. Barnes will be the caucus candidate for Selectman.

Republicans were out in force for their annual caucus at the town hall on Tuesday evening.

Major contention centered around the School Committee and Board of Selectmen, with one three year term for each of the aforementioned being open. Sidney Given retiring from the School Committee, and George H. Sheldon from the Board of Selectmen.

The names of Robert P. Barnes and Gordon C. Buffum were placed before the caucus, following the withdrawal of the names of the incumbent selectman George H. Sheldon and Fred H. Doolittle. Buffum polled 56 and Barnes 33 out of a total of 97. R. L. Spencer had two write in votes, with six blanks.

AYH News

Mr. Ben W. Miller, Executive Vice-president of AYH spent Monday and Tuesday at Northfield discussing future plans of the organization with members of the staff.

Plans are underway for an expanding program of hosting activity in the coming year. Sponsored trips are being planned to: Quebec; Maritime Provinces; Gaspe Peninsula; Great Lakes-Ontario; Rolling Youth Hostel, East to West; East; Alaska; Mexico; Central America; British Isles; Western Europe; Southwest Europe; Scandinavia; Mediterranean Trip; Work Project Holland; Work Project Germany; Far East (Japan).

Benton P. Cummings, the Field Service Director, recently visited local Councils in Minneapolis, Detroit, St. Paul and Buffalo.

William A. Nelson, the New England Field Director, is now visiting hostels and councils in Connecticut.

A possibility existed following the caucus that nominee Buffum would withdraw his name, leaving the decision as to his successor up to the Republican Town Committee. Buffum had 72 hours in which to decide.

91 votes were cast in polling for the school committee candidate. Charles Scanlon receiving 52, Ralph Livernoise 36, with Willis K. Parker and Robert P. Barnes getting one each.

More than 100 registered Republicans were present for the caucus, with William F. Hoehn being elected chairman of the caucus and Mrs. Dorothy L. Miller Clerk of the caucus. Tellers were Mrs. Robert Abbott and Willis K. Parker.

The following officers were unopposed nominees to succeed themselves: Mrs. Josephine S. Haskell, town clerk; Charles F. Slate, treasurer and tax collector; George McEwan, moderator; Fred Bolton, Planning Board; Mrs. Thomas Parker, Library Trustee; Fred S. Merriam, Assessor; Carleton Holton, Cemetery Commissioner; Constables, Joseph Morgan, Martin E. Vorce, Harry M. Haskell, and Murray Hammond for Northfield Farms.

In other contests: H. H. Morse received 66 votes to 14 for Mrs. E. M. Powell for a three-year term as a Library Trustee; W. W. Sander-son was nominated to fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of Dr. Robert Bonner Jack; Frank Anderson with 48 votes won the nomination over Joseph Bilmon who polled 27 votes.

Town Clerk Josephine Haskell announced at the close of the caucus that all those desiring to file independent nomination papers must do so by 5 p. m. January 3. The town clerk will furnish necessary papers, 20 signatures are necessary to place a name in nomination. The names on the papers must be checked by the registrars.

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Northfield Mass.
December 15, 1948

The Editor,
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An Open Letter
To the People of Northfield

Four years ago tonight, the people of Northfield were reading newspaper headlines recording the triumphant march of the victorious United States Forces across crumbling Europe. Northfield was reading of the fall of Japanese bastions in the Pacific area under the onslaught of American men on land, on sea, and in the air. In all theatres of war around the world, men from Northfield were slugging through snow and mud, jungle and mountain; they were roaring through flak-filled skies over enemy territory; or they were standing watch on ships in ominous seas and slugging it out with the best the Japanese Navy could furnish.

Around firesides in the quiet New England countryside, yes, right here in Northfield, parents, wives, and loved ones were dreaming of the day when it would all be over, their loved ones home, and praying they would come home alive and uninjured. That night, four years ago, these good people of Northfield were silently praying that their own would return. And mixed with their prayers were their pledges that should the Almighty in his infinite goodness, spare their own, they would never forget the debt they owed. No sacrifice was then, or ever would be, too great for their men. Men advisedly, for their were no boys in the crucible of war.

"Yes, Almighty God, we pledge to Thee tonight that if Thou in Thy kindness and mercy, return to us our own, our beloved, we will never forget our debt to them, nor ever forget that we can never, in even a small way, repay them. But we shall, with Thy help, remember our obligation through our remaining days."

That was four years ago. Tonight, December 15, 1948, those men are home. Not all, for some paid the supreme sacrifice. TO THOSE HONORED DEAD, let it here and now be said that perhaps they are better so, for the memory of man is short, his fidelity contingent upon the exigency of the moment, and his gratitude a passing fantasy. They were better so tonight, when an organization of their living comrades was shown only too well, how long memory

V.F.W. "Open House" Has Small Attendance

A meagre audience was at the Town Hall for the Northfield Post 9874 "Open House" Wednesday evening.

A number of films were shown, including a feature picture, "Joe's Kid", which graphically pictured the work of the VFW National Home at Eaton Rapids, Michigan. This home, sponsored and maintained by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, admits all orphans of war veterans regardless of their type of service or affiliation with service organizations.

Free popcorn, refreshments and sandwiches were served by the WSC.

and gratitude last. The honored dead at least, were spared the humiliation of seeing the duplicity of those for whom they fought and died.

Tonight, the Northfield Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States presented one of the best free entertainment programs yet offered in Northfield. There were movies, free popcorn, sandwiches, and coffee. And the whole was presented in an effort to acquaint the people of Northfield with the members of the Post, and, more important, with the aims and purposes of the V. F. W. Remember, these are the men for whom you were praying four years ago. And this organization is dedicated to the proposition of honoring the dead through service to the living.

But why should the V. F. W. complain? Of course there were more important things to be done tonight. There were card parties, Christmas parties, and meetings—all held so infrequently as to prohibit non-attendance. And what could be more convenient than to send the kids to free movies and eat, while the older folks followed the familiar pattern? No longer is there any necessity for keeping up the morale of men with empty promises. The war's over, the men have been patted on the back and that's that. Really was nice of them to take care of the kids for awhile, though. No trouble for them, either. Just throw a few dozen sandwiches together, make a few gallons of coffee, pop a couple of hundred bags of pop corn, and fish two and one half hours of movies out of the air. Let there be a misunderstanding, the kids were more than welcome, and will always be to any open function of the Northfield Post of the V. F. W. It is only saddening to see the enthusiasm and openhearted appreciation of the children, so directly opposed to the attitude of their parents.

Frankly, tonight reflects only the attitude of the many, but in a small community it stands out as a shining beacon of selfishness, and a reflection of the character and attitude of its citizens. Sadly, but with fairness toward all, it must be admitted that this extends to include some members of the V. F. W. itself—further evidence that the situation governs the community as a whole.

In the words of a great man, who on a great battlefield after another vital war many years ago, "With malice toward none, and with charity toward all," I challenge you to ask yourself, "Was it absolutely impossible for me to attend the V. F. W. open meeting on December 15, 1948? Have I kept the faith?"

John W. Bennett, M. D.,
Commander, Northfield Post 9874
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

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The finding of my father's boots by a tree in Squakheag (alias Northfield) some ten years after his murder by Indians was a puzzle that occupied all my thoughts as we waded through the tall grass trying to discover some of the original home lots.

Preserved and I tried our best to make some sense out of the lots, but all we saw were a few burned remnants of the thatched roofs. It looked as if nightfall would find us with little or no progress to report. Uncle Eb would look with a dismal eye upon our work. I wondered how John and Isaac were doing in their survey.

Preserved interrupted my reverie with, "Let's sit a little, we can survey from this log." "No, we can't do that, you remember what Uncle Eb told us when we left," I said, for I wanted to do what was asked of me in getting the second settlement started.

"Come Benjie, rest a minute, they'll have to lay them all out again according to the first plan, besides I'm no surveyor of high-ways, I'm a tything man!"

"Well, for a minute then. You know, Preserved, I've been wondering what this Squakheag—"

"Northfield, they call it now in Northampton," interrupted Preserved.

"Well, Northfield, I was wondering what it would look like in a few years, do you think we'll stay here?"

Preserved rubbed his nose for a minute, and then said as if he were thinking aloud, "I guess we'll stay, Benjie, if the French would stop getting the Indians on our necks, and the English would learn how to fight them."

"But what do you think the town will look like," I again asked Preserved, for I was anxious to see something else other than the desolation and open fields that stretched out all around us in every direction.

"Well, I really can't tell you Benjie, never gave it a thought, but I suppose the first thing they'll have to do is get a bridge across that brook."

"What do you suppose they'll call the brook, the name, I mean," I asked Preserved.

"If they put a mill on it, they can't hardly call it anything more than the Mill Brook—they always do that with the brook that has the first mill in town."

"One more thing Preserved, how do you think my father's boots got here to Northfield," looking quickly at Preserved as I said that trying to catch some expression on his face to see the effect of the question.

"That's a queer one, Benjie, and I can't tell you, but perhaps we better ask your Uncle. He might have an idea."

Let's go see him now," I said jumping up, forgetting all about surveying the home lots.

Preserved rose ponderously, and without a word headed up the highway. I threw the boots over my shoulder and together we thrashed the weeds to the earth as we made our way to the camp.

On arriving we found John and Isaac, squatting over a paper, with Uncle Eb shaking his head and saying, "Then we'll wait for the surveyors." I surmised he meant that the others didn't do any better than we had.

Uncle Eb looked at me, saw the boots, and asked, "What happened? Did your feet get tired, carrying your boots like that?"

I blurted out immediately, "They are not mine, they're my father's," and I rushed over to show him the initials under the straps.

"Indeed they are," said Uncle Eb peering intently at them, inside and out.

"They were by a tree Uncle Eb," and then I asked rather tremulously, "How did they get here?"

"I don't know how they got here to Northfield, Benjie," said Uncle Eb and then he turned slowly toward the north, "but I know where they came from before they were here."

"Where Uncle Eb, where?" and my eyes pleaded with Uncle Eb. "These boots Benjie," said Uncle Eb without looking at me, "have been to Canada."

(To be Continued)

VETERANS BULLETIN BOARD

Readjustment Allowances

Any veteran who served a minimum of 16 days between September 16, 1940 and July 25, 1947 and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable after at least 90 days of total service (or for service-incurred disability in less than 90 days) may qualify for unemployment or self-employment allowances.

The period of entitlement is based on length of service between those dates, with the veteran receiving 8 weeks of allowances for each of the first 3 months of service and 4 weeks for each additional month. The major fraction of a month counts as a full month.

The maximum entitlement for unemployment allowances is 52 weeks, and for self-employment, 10 2 1/2 months.

Eligible veterans may claim readjustment allowances during per-

iods of total or partial unemployment or when self-employed and earning less than \$100 a month.

Allowances may be claimed for any week ending on or before July 24, 1949 or two years after date of discharge, whichever is later, but not later than July 24, 1952.

Unemployment Allowances: The veteran must be able to work and be available for suitable work. He must register for work with a public employment office, where he also files his claim. Unemployed veterans receive \$20 per week. Partially employed veterans get \$20 per week, less net earnings during the week in excess of \$3.

Self-employment Allowances: Self-employed veterans also make application at a public employment office. They receive \$100 per month, less any net earnings during the month.

*For exceptions see, Armed Forces Recruitment Act for Enlistees on Page 7.

School Activities

George Gihbert Groman, authority on dialects and Hollywood Actor's Coach, was speaker at a special assembly program for school pupils and the public, at the town hall, last Wednesday, Dec. 15.

In studying the history of the various languages and in analyzing the reasons for the changes in dialects from generation to generation, he learned how to eliminate and to develop accents. He was engaged at one time by the Los Angeles Board of Education to eliminate the accents from the speech of the children of foreign born, and at the same time was engaged to teach

authentic accents to Hollywood radio and screen actors.

A clever imitator, he has a repertoire of more than forty impressions which include: Winston Churchill, Ronald Coleman, Peter Lorre, Uncle Ezra, Bob Burns, Charles Boyer, Gabriel Heatter, Jimmy Cagney, Rochester, Jean Hersholt, and others.

His program here on "How Other People Talk" is an indirect plea for understanding among people. Aside from the entertainment this talk gives, it contributes toward an understanding between all nationalities.

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Advent Town

Unofficial rumor has it that the American Youth Hostel headquarters will be moving from this town to New York City in the very near future. Official confirmation of this move has not been made.

A. Gordon Moody and William F. Hoehn were again elected as directors of the county Red Cross Chapter. Moody for three years, Hoehn for one year. Moody will also serve on the executive committee.

The Garden Club recently witnessed movies of the history of the making and assembling of telephones. The

club also sent flowers to Miss Daley Holton, secretary, ill in the Stratleboro Memorial Hospital.

The firehouse committee, Charles Johnson, Fred Bolton, Alfred Holton and Willis Parker, met with the selectmen to discuss plans for a new fire house as planned last year.

Supt. F. Sumner Turner of School Union No. 22 is still looking for a home in Northfield. Any clues?

Another minor snowfall, Dec. 15, heralded the winter that is still to come.

Frank Anderson, of this town, has purchased a tract of land from Fanny G. Field and Mary G. Parker. The land is on the south side of Warwick avenue and is known as the Mattoon lot.

WINTER Sports

The Pine Top ski area in South Vernon is prepared, with the arrival of snow, to greet winter sports enthusiasts for the second season. Spring and summer work improved the slopes and added conveniences for both skier and spectator.

Adjacent to Stonehurst, the two-century-old red farmhouse on the area, the upper and lower runs have been widened and cleared, a large parking area will be cleared at the foot of the hill and the "Old Blacksmith Shop" is again prepared to serve as warming and refreshment hut. Romey and Elsie Racine announce.

Tobey slope, the upper run, has been widened to 175 feet and is now cleared to the top, lengthening the ride by 250 feet. A tractor last summer removed rocks, trees, etc., and ironed out the bumps for a fast expert ride.

Pellety hill remains the same with the exception of removal of trees, stone walls, etc. at the bottom approaching the small meadow to widen the outrun by at least 115 feet. This improvement was recommended by visiting skiers last year as most important.

Ed Dunklee and Bud Bigelow, registered ski instructors, will be on hand week ends or by appointment.

ment throughout the week to help the novices along, and the Brattleboro ski patrol will again be on duty.

Windproof rest rooms have been erected by Racine on the hillside. Stonehurst accommodates 20 skiers, and evening entertainment of hayrides, square dances and tobogganing are planned.

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Northfield, one of the oldest ski developments in Western Massachusetts, is again ready with facilities for skiers, skaters, tobogganers and snowshoers. There are no ski tows, but the area has its splendid touring trails, and novice slopes, and runs to thrill even the most experienced. In Northfield you ski up as well as down, and plans are to install a short tow on the novice hill where an instructor will have his classes. A skating party and cookout is planned for the period between December 31 and January 2, along with the New Year Festivities at Northfield Inn. The Northfield Winter Sports Carnival week end with skating, skiing, snow shoeing exhibitions, snow sculpture, campfire cookout, torch ski and sock dance, come for Jan. 14-16.

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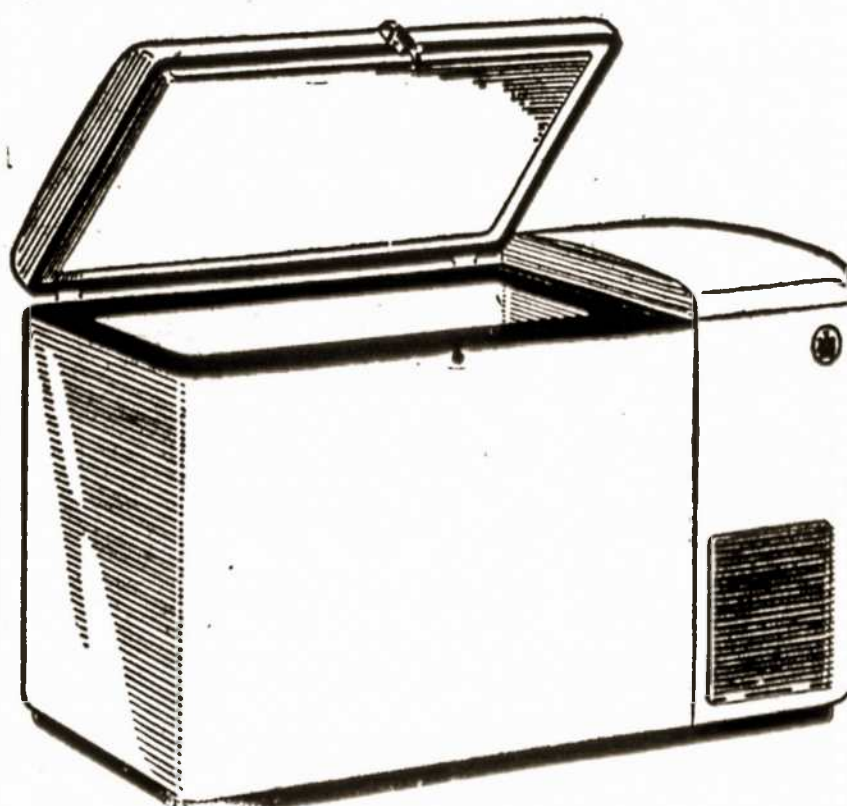
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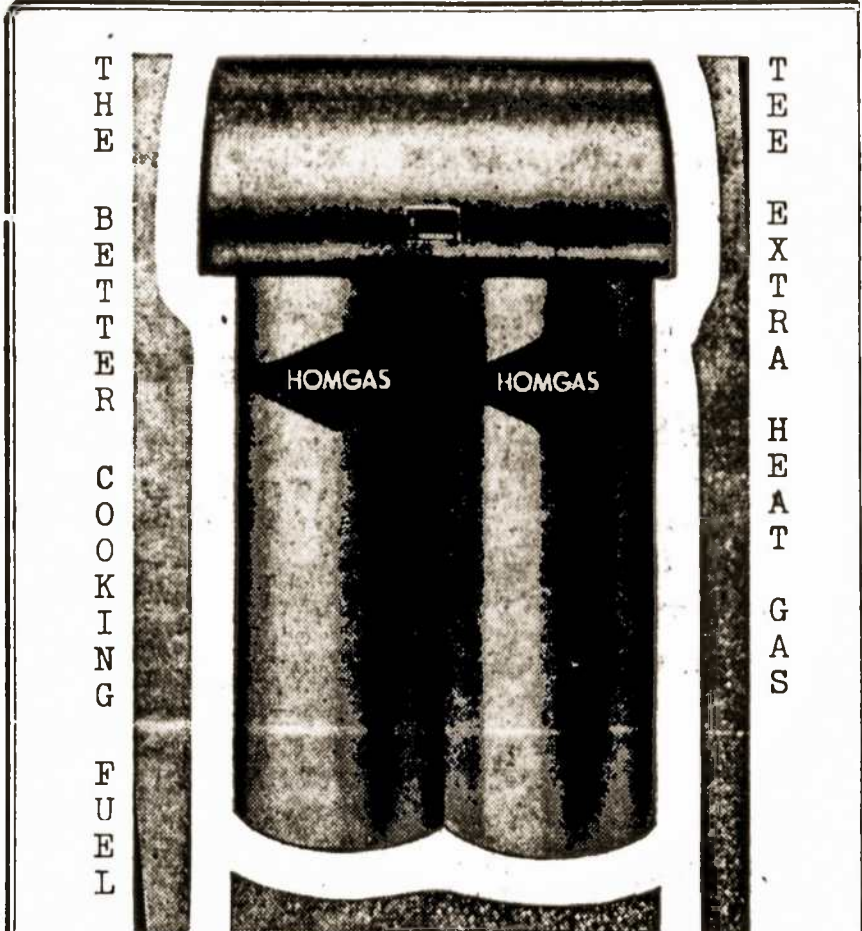
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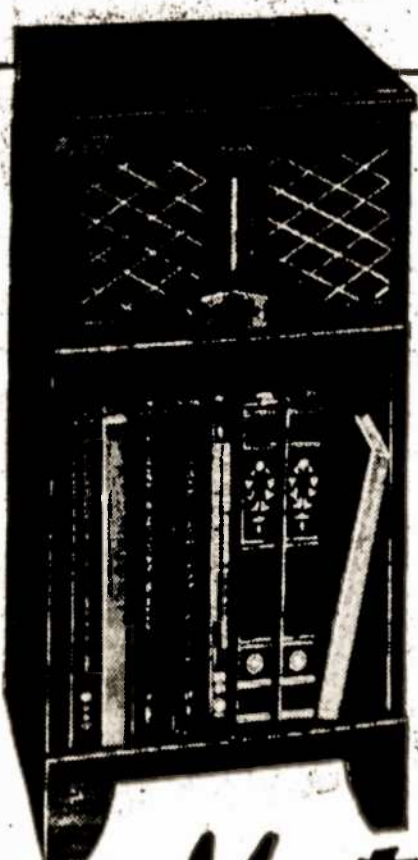
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Life is hard in France and our parents have a hard time to support us. France suffers a great deal from the war and we hope never to see it again.

I have a cousin seventeen years old who is studying at the University of Boulogne-by-the-sea and who would be happy to have a correspondent from Northfield of his own age and doing the same (kind of) school work. His name is Felicien Regnier. Railroad station restaurant, at Camiers, Pas de Calais.

My greetings to your parents and to you, my dear Susan, while waiting for good news from you, Sincerely (Believe in my good friendship)

Mademoiselle Mauricette Regnier
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Camiers (Pas de Calais).



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Christmas Sunday, December 19,
9:55 a. m., Church School.

10:00 a. m., Young People's Forum and Men's Bible Class.

11:00 a. m., Public Worship. Christmas music, Christenings, and Christmas sermon. Pre-school age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.

5:00 p. m., Annual Candlelight Christmas Service. Carols and the one-act play, "Why the Chimes Rang."

The Friendly Class will meet at Kenhome on Monday evening, December 20th, at 7:45. Each member is requested to bring a variety of food which can be sent abroad.

The Christmas party for the Church School will be held in the

vestry on Thursday evening. The Friendly Class will serve the supper at six o'clock. Each family is to bring a dish or contribute money. There will be cartoon motion pictures and distribution of presents by Santa Claus.

The young people will go caroling after the Christmas party on Thursday evening.

A holiday dance sponsored by the young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship will be held in Northfield Town Hall on Monday evening, December 27th, 8-12 p. m. Music by Dick Perry's orchestra.

A roller skating party, sponsored by the Pilgrim Fellowship, will be held at the South Deerfield rink on Monday evening, January 3rd.

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UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister.
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10:00 a. m., Sunday School.
11:00 a. m., Service and Sermon.

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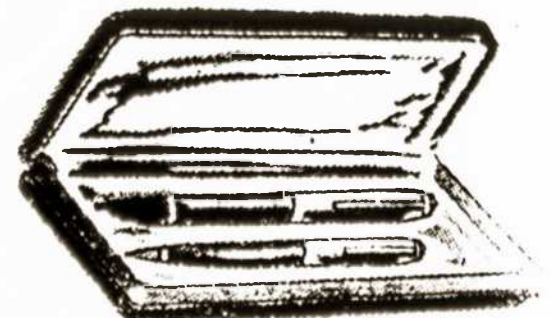


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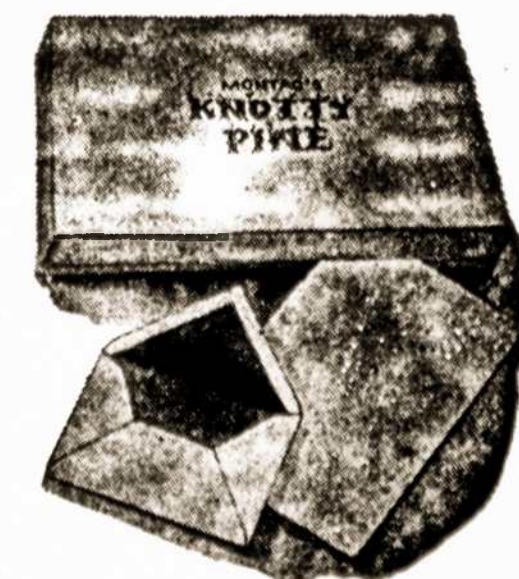
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MAUDE S. MONTAGUE
Maude S. (Merriman) Montague, prominent community leader, died at her home on Main street, December 14, 1948.

She was born in Hinsdale, N. H., on July 13, 1883, a daughter of Charles Dwight and Julia E. (Hilliard) Merriman.

The family moved to this town when she was a little girl, and Mrs. Montague attended the local schools as well as the Northfield Seminary, following which she taught in the public schools of this town until her marriage on Nov. 6, 1907 to the late Frank H. Montague. They lived on the Montague farm in Northfield Farms, and later on Main street.

She was a member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church and for many years superintendent of the Junior Sunday school at that church.

Among the many other offices she held were: first president of the Woman's Guild of the Congregational Church; school committee member for many years; Past-president of the Fortnightly, charter member, past-matron, and at her death a trustee of the Eastern Star; serve one year as Deputy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Montague was active in all phases of community life. She is survived by two sisters, the Misses Mabel and Anne Merriman of Northfield, and a number of near relatives.

Funeral services were held today, Friday, at 2 p. m., December 17, at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, with the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating. George N. Kidder is in charge of funeral arrangements with the burial at the Northfield Farms cemetery in the Montague family plot.



MISS FANNY CLARK HATCH

Miss Fannie Clark Hatch, 72, formerly alumnae secretary at Northfield School for Girls for 22 years, died early Sunday morning at St. Petersburg, Fla., according to word received here. Since her

retirement in 1942, she had spent her winters in St. Petersburg and her summers at Lac Marola, Quebec.

After studying at Northfield School for Girls, Miss Hatch attended the School of Domestic Science in Boston from which she was graduated in 1896. Her subsequent education included courses at Harvard University and at the Y. W. C. A. National Training School in New York.

She was a member of the faculty at Northfield School for Girls from 1899 until 1911 and then following eight years of teaching and Y. W. C. A. work in Everett, Mass., Dayton, Ohio, and Jacksonville, Fla., she returned to Northfield in 1920 as executive secretary of the Alumnae Association.

As a teacher of home economics, as class teacher of the class of 1903, and later as alumnae secretary, Miss Hatch earned the high-

est regard of her fellow faculty members and thousands of Northfield students. Her frail stature belied her enormous capacity for hard work and extensive traveling. During the Capital Fund campaign in the early 1930's, she astonished the veteran campaigners by her ability to maintain as fast a pace as theirs in the intensive national drive.

Probably her outstanding characteristic was a prodigious memory for names, faces and the personal history of her host of friends. It is said that on one occasion while purchasing a railroad ticket at a nearby station she recognized the agent as the husband of an alumnae and reminded him that the next day was his wedding anniversary!

Survivors include two brothers, Roy, at present in London, and Daniel of Montreal; two sisters, Mrs. G. C. Barnes of Bedford, Mass.

and Miss Grace Hatch with whom she made her home; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at the school at a date to be announced later.

MRS. MELISSA BODLEY

Mrs. Melissa Anna Bodley died early this morning. She was born in New York, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dewitt.

She was an active member of the Northfield Garden Club.

She leaves her husband, Daniel, E. Bodley; two sisters, Mrs. Stephen Van Kleeck of Amsterdam, N. Y., and Mrs. Frank Markie of Marletown, N. Y.; three brothers, Maynard Dewitt of Kerhonkson, N. Y., Harry Dewitt of Cottekill, N. Y., and John Dewitt of Bethlehem, Penn.; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be in Mount Hermon Chapel, Tuesday at 10 a. m. with Rev. Mr. White officiating. Burial will be in Rosendale, N. Y.

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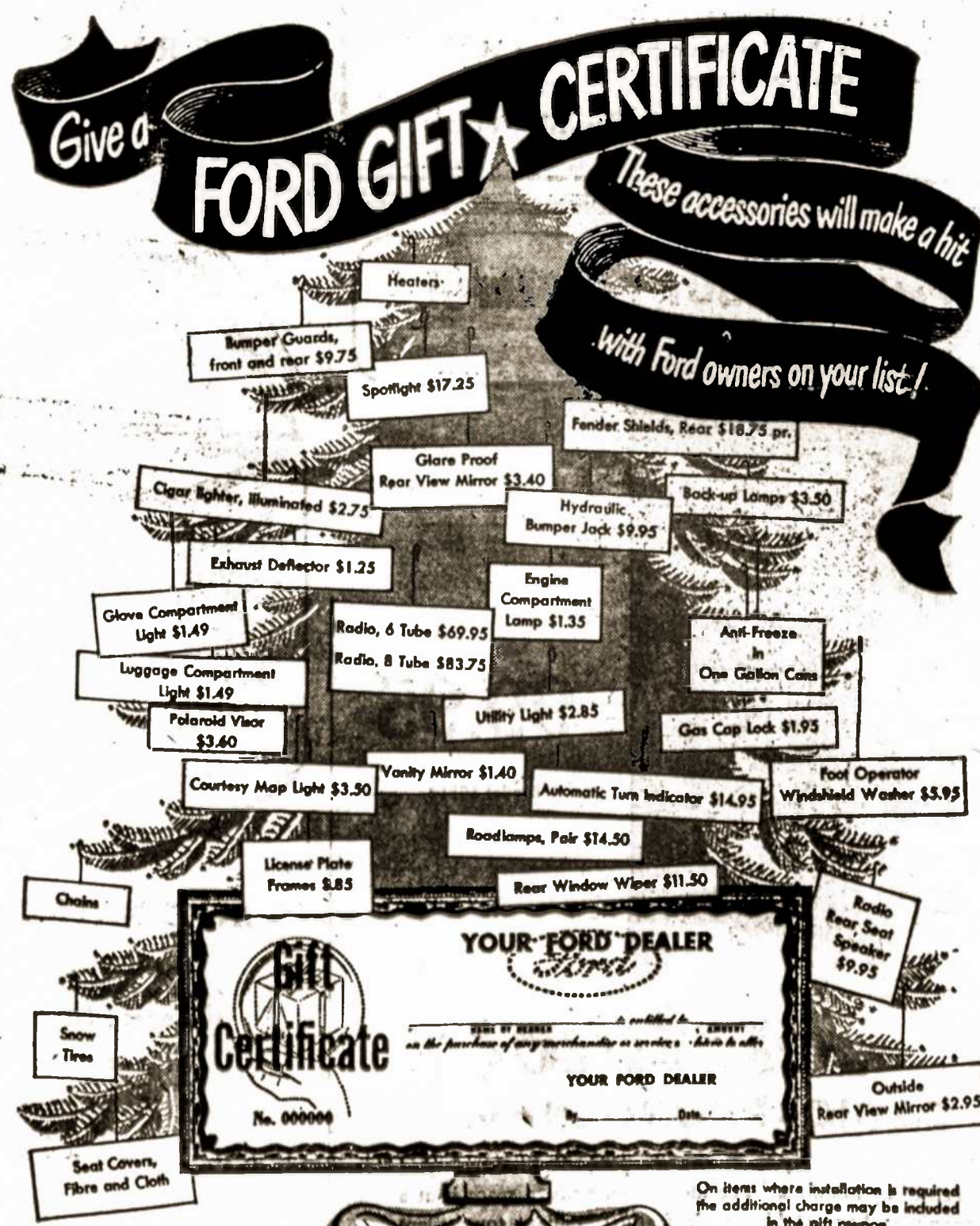
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